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Health Survey

The Lake Cumberland District Health Department is conducting a community health survey for Casey County residents who are at least 18 and live or work in Casey County. The survey will reflect what the community believes are the important issues that need to be addressed to improve the health and well-being of all residents. Residents are asked to fill out the survey either at the Casey County Health Dept. or online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/CASEYCountyCommunitySurvey. For more information, contact Jelaine Harlow at 606-787-6911, extension 3221.

Commodities

Commodities will be distributed to income-eligible residents from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the Casey County Recycling Center. Recipients are asked to bring their own containers.

Meetings

■ The Casey County Board of Education will meet in regular session Monday at 7 p.m. at Casey County Middle School.
■ The Casey County Ambulance Service tax district board will meet in regular session at 5 p.m. Tuesday.
■ The committee planning the 2012 Casey County Apple Festival will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at their office on Beldon Avenue.
■ The Casey County Hospital tax district board will meet in regular session at 7 p.m. at the administration building adjacent to the hospital.
■ The East Casey County Water District board of directors will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the water district office on U.S. 127 South.
■ Liberty City Council will meet in regular session at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at City Hall.

Local Weather

Thu 2/7 45/33 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 30s.

Fri 2/8 54/39 Few showers. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 30s.

Sat 2/9 46/31 Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 30s.

Sun 2/10 55/39 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 30s.

Mon 2/11 58/43 Few showers. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 40s.

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A scenic snowfall



photo/AMANDA COLE



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Casey County saw the year's first snow day last week with some areas of the county receiving more snow than others. ABOVE, the sun peeking out of the clouds Friday morning made for a picturesque scene with the fresh layer of snow on Memory Drive atop Walnut Hill. LEFT, the first day of February brought snow and a colorful sunrise to Angel Ridge Road in Hustonville. BELOW, Gracie Beeler enjoyed the first real snow of the season on Friday. Beeler had enough to make snow angels on Ware Road in Walltown. More snow pictures can be found on page 3.



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Officials weigh in on school safety

By Larry Rowell
Staff Writer

Local school district officials and law enforcement agencies are being proactive in reviewing current school safety policies and procedures.

Casey County School Superintendent Linda Hatter, along with principals from Walnut Hill Elementary, Casey County High, Casey County Middle, and Liberty Elementary met with officers from the Liberty Police Dept., Casey County Sheriff's Dept., and Kentucky State Police on Thursday at the Casey County Extension Office.

Hatter said the purpose of the meeting was to look at what schools are doing now and then consider other safety measures to put in place.

"Our schools are supposed to be a welcoming environment. The challenge is how to make schools welcoming and at the same time safe," she said.

Hatter said that the District's five schools had all undergone a safety audit by representatives from the Center for School Safety at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

From that audit, it was determined that one of the most important aspects concerning school safety is to have doors locked from the outside, with the schools verifying who's outside before opening the door.

Hatter told the group that every school, with the exception of LES, has locked entrance doors.

And with the renovations to the windows and heating system at LES almost complete, new security measures are included in those renovations.

"We will have cameras, new front doors and a security door just beyond the office door by the end of March," said LES Principal Boyd Harris.

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To delay or cancel school not always an easy call

By Larry Rowell
Staff Writer

Never will we make a decision to put a student or bus driver in danger.

—Linda Hatter
Superintendent, Casey Co. Schools

call was made on Jan. 30.

"We were watching the radar and by 6:05 a.m., it showed the storms had moved out of the area," Hatter said. "But had that storm been 30-40 minutes later, we would have delayed."

Casey County Emergency Services Manager Rick Wesley said that he had monitored the approaching storm for three days.

"There was a conference call for Emergency Managers from the National Weather Service on Jan. 29 telling us what to expect," Wesley said.

On the morning of Jan. 30,

Wesley said a tornado watch was issued by the NWS at 4:30 a.m. until noon. In addition, between 5:30 a.m. and 6:22 a.m., Wesley said that five severe thunder storm warnings were issued.

But it was what followed that had parents concerned.

A tornado warning was given at 5:53 a.m. to 6:25 a.m. for southern areas of the county.

Also, a second tornado warning for the northern portion of the county came on the heels of the first one but this time at 5:57 a.m. It was

set to expire by 6:30 a.m.

However, the fast moving storm was out of the county a few minutes after 6 a.m. and Wesley said that's when the all-clear was given, about 6:20 a.m.

Buses normally are on the roads just after 6 a.m. with the first ones out being special transportation buses, designed for special needs children.

Hatter said the reason these buses leave early is the routes are spread out in different areas of the county.

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Emerson honored for years dedicated to volunteering

By Amanda Cole
Staff Writer

Judy Emerson is a committed and reliable volunteer and she has decades of service to prove it.

She has dedicated more than 100 years of volunteering with a combination of organizations supporting and improving Liberty, Casey County, its businesses and youth.

Emerson has been a Girl Scout leader for 16 years, on the Casey County Fair board for 12 years, and has served on the Liberty-Casey County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for about 20 years. And the list goes on. She has spent years with the Casey County Community Ministries, more than 20 years with the Casey County Homemakers, 25 years

with the Kiwanis club, five years with the Kiwanians, and she also serves as treasurer at Liberty Methodist Church.

Emerson was recognized by the chamber of commerce at its luncheon on Jan. 30 and was presented a plaque for her committed support and exemplary service.

"We wanted to show her how much we appreciate everything she's done," said Blaine Staat, chamber director.

This is the first term in more than a decade that Emerson won't be a part of the chamber's board of directors.

"We want to encourage her to stay involved with the community and the chamber," he said. "She can't retire."

And that's because a per-

son like Emerson can be hard to come by.

"Judy is the type of person who will show up when no one else will,"

Staat said. "She's a volunteer and she'll do it."

Which is exactly how she got involved with the

chamber in the first place, back in the early 90s.

"Somebody said, 'Hey,

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photo/AMANDA COLE

The Liberty-Casey County Chamber of Commerce recognized Judy Emerson with a plaque for her years of service with the chamber's board of directors at its meeting on Jan. 30. Pictured, from left, are chamber members Kevin Atwood, Angela King, Laura Hebrock, Judy Emerson, Nicki Johnson, Connie Montgomery, Blaine Staat, Katie York and David Cundiff.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No more laws needed 'to get folks sued'

After reading Amanda Cole's column on Jan. 23, "Are Dogs a Priceless Possession?" I agree this would be a bad law if passed. Being 80 years old and having a bum knee, I watch a lot of TV and there isn't a day goes by that I don't see lawyers on TV telling folks we need to sue someone. Therefore, I don't believe we need to be passing more laws to get folks sued.

I don't say this because I don't like dogs. I've owned a number of dogs over the

Bob Ellis
Liberty

Crime causes doubt in loyalty of Liberty

My purse was stolen on Friday (Feb. 1) around 4 p.m. at the Sav-A-Lot parking lot. I left it in my cart without realizing it and by the time I noticed it, my purse was gone. If anything, I just want my personal information back. I'm a disabled woman who depends on my check monthly, I also had some medication in my purse.

Not only does this hurt me physically, but it also hurts

Linda Bryant
Liberty

Believers, how can you introduce grace?

I read about a waitress at an Applebee's restaurant who was fired after she uploaded a picture of the check she had given to a large party she served. Like many restaurants, Applebee's automatically adds a gratuity to the bill for large parties.

Well, one member of this party, a pastor, decided the 18 percent mandated by the company was too much. Not satisfied just to ask for something lower, she crossed out the tip, wrote in "0", and added a note that said, "I give God 10 percent; why do you get 18 percent?"

On behalf of pastors and Christians everywhere, I apologize to the server. We pastors have a reputation for being cheap, and this certainly confirms that stereotype. For several reasons, however, this went way over the line.

First, this server works in an industry that often pays half of minimum wage, assuming the employees will make up the difference in tips. Having waited tables in the past, I remember what incredibly hard work it is, at its best. Having customers complain about everything they do, or don't do, and then to leave little or nothing in payment makes it much harder and discouraging.

Pastor Bruce Hiner
Liberty United Methodist

Small town trust

One of the things I love about small southern towns is the amount of respect and trust that the residents show each other.

I first started working for the paper on a Wednesday last June. And of course, Wednesday is paper day for *The Casey County News*.

My new boss, Brittany Emerson, was showing me around the office as someone came in and purchased a paper from the front desk... all by themselves. Brittany explained that here in Casey County we operate on the honor system. A little dish up at the front desk has a piece of paper taped to it that explains papers are 75 cents, letting people know to help themselves to a paper and simply put their money into the dish.

I love that about this town.

What made me think about this is when I went to Emma's Cafe for lunch last week. I didn't know the restaurant didn't take debit cards. I told the lady I would be right back because I didn't have any cash. She kindly explained that I could go

Amanda Cole
Staff Writer

ahead and take my carry-out lunch, eat it and just come back later that afternoon to pay.

After moving here from northern Kentucky where something like that would never be allowed it really made me stop and appreciate the small town trust in Liberty and Casey County.

I enjoyed my lunch and immediately went back with my checkbook. I emphasized how much I appreciated that she let me take my lunch. She explained that she trusted me — a woman I had never met in my life. Small things like this probably go unnoticed by the majority of people from here because it's so common.

I definitely took notice. Make sure you appreciate it as well and don't let it slip away.

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Looking forward to Sen. Paul's visit

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I always get excited when the big-time, big name Washington lawmakers come to Casey County. We've had visits from U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, Congressman Ed Whitfield, and on Friday, U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, our Republican representative, is scheduled to pay us a visit at noon at the Central Kentucky AG/EXPO Center.

I appreciate that Sen. Paul will chair a round-table discussion on business and then field questions from residents about issues affecting our little corner of Kentucky.

While Benghazi Libya may not be high on our radar, there will most certainly be questions about Paul's role as a Tea Partyer and his never ending quest to battle the enormous dragon called government.

And might I mention that McConnell and Whitfield have done their share of riding the white horse against the likes of the EPA and other government agencies which McConnell says hinder small businesses from being able to grow and expand.

But in mentioning the Senate hearings about Benghazi, I thought Sen. Paul went a little overboard and was more than a tad disrespectful to former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and her role in the affair that claimed the lives of four Americans, including Chris Stephens, U.S. Ambassador to Libya.

Even though Paul was critical, Clinton was roundly praised by other ranking Republicans on the committee and thanked for her service to our country.

I have followed real southern politicians who always seek to treat everyone, even their detractors, with respect.

Sen. Paul might want to shadow Republican U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss, of R-Georgia, a true southern gentleman, and learn about the art of diplomacy with-

out compromising principles.

One subject Sen. Paul will address is the legalization of industrial hemp as a cash crop in Kentucky. Along with Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner James Comer and Casey County state Rep. Terry Mills, Paul is supporting a measure to revise federal law to reflect the difference between hemp and marijuana.

A major challenge will be in getting law enforcement agencies to get on this bandwagon, which they are reluctant to do, given that hemp is a kissing cousin to marijuana.

Another subject the Senator should address is how he views farm subsidies. In the past four years, Sen. Paul has made it known that he wants to cut some subsidies to the wealthiest farmers, those making more than \$2 million.

From 1995 to 2011, Casey County farmers received \$19.9 million in subsidies. The top 10 percent of those farmers received an average annual sum of \$2,524 while the

bottom 80 percent averaged only \$63 a year, according to a database from the Environmental Working Group in Washington, <http://farm.ewg.org>.

I suspect Sen. Paul won't be talking about cutting these small subsidies as \$2,524 wouldn't begin to pay fuel and seed bills on most large farms.

No doubt Sen. Paul will address National Rifle Association and Second Amendment gun rights issues.

And hopefully, he will speak to other subjects that directly affect all residents of this fair county.

What I want to encourage you to do is attend this forum and bring your questions and concerns because Sen. Paul is our elected representative and he needs to hear from us, his constituents.

So don't let the fact that he's a politician in Washington keep you from attending and asking questions. He puts his britches on just like we do and he works for us, and for our welfare.



Midnight musings keep me awake

Joberta WELLS
Columnist

We've all been there. Lying in bed, trying to fall asleep but can't because the mind is going six ways from Sunday, random thoughts flitting through, then getting fixated on some of them so that sleep is even more elusive. Why can't we think good thoughts and just fall into dreamland? Never happens!

Well, there I was not long ago. Couldn't fall asleep. All I could think of was stupid things going on in this world. Those thoughts just made me crazy and less and less sleepy.

World news has had items worthy of everyone's interest and/or concern. We just had the inauguration of the President of the United States. He has been appointing new cabinet members and other staff.

Israel has attacked a convoy carrying weapons bound for Lebanon in Syria. A suicide

bomber has attacked the U.S. Embassy in Turkey. Timbuktu (yes, there really is such a place) was under attack in Mali. There have been natural

disasters all over the world.

So, what is everyone talking about, speculating about, gossiping about? Whether Beyoncé lip-synced the Star Spangled Banner at the inauguration, that's what! That's the most ridiculous thing I ever heard of. Who cares? She sang it on a tape even if she might not have in person. Let it rest!

It seems nobody can get enough of Manti Téo, the

bed, trying to find a comfortable spot and the cool side of the pillow, with idiotic thoughts keeping you awake. May you find rest in the arms of Morpheus and arise the next day ready to take on such topics as the arrival of spring, whether Casey County High School will go to the state basketball tournament, and whether politicians are getting ready to start politicking too soon. Rise and shine!

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Get real! They would be wasted on people like me who have about as much interest in the Super Bowl as I would have in running naked around the doughboy statue in the middle of the Casey County Courthouse lawn. Perish the thought (any and all of them, especially that last one).

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EXCEPTIONAL WOMEN OF CASEY COUNTY (continued). Esther Burkhart, widow of Fred Burkhart, is still with us at age 100 years. She helped Fred run The Casey County News and she spearheaded the drive for the first daycare center in Casey County. She was active in Casey County affairs of all sorts during her younger years.

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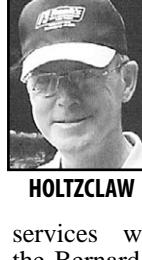
Sherril 'Pete' Holtzclaw, 62

Sherril Gene "Pete" Holtzclaw of Judy Street, Russell Springs, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2013 at his home. He was 62.

Born Feb. 13, 1950 in Casey County, he was the son of the late Sylvanus and Flossie Rodgers Holtzclaw. He was a retired machinist.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Hopper Holtzclaw; a daughter, Shannon Tarter of Liberty; two grandchildren, Hunter and Caleb Tarter; three sisters, Dixie McIntosh and Patty Bolin, both of Liberty, and Arlie Sullivan of Somerset; his father-in-law, Oval Hopper of Dunnville; and a special nephew, Randy McIntosh of Dunnville.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Cecil,



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David, and Ronald Holtzclaw; and two sisters, Eva Hammond and Oneida Ware.

Funeral services were Feb. 4 at the Bernard Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Richie Curtis officiating.

Burial was in the Combest Cemetery in Liberty.

Pallbearers were Carson Sullivan, Gregory Abston Jr., Alton "Buck" Thomas, Randy McIntosh, Josh Martin and Don Holtzclaw.

Family requests that memorials be made to Hospice of Lake Cumberland. These can be made at the funeral home.

Bill Pendleton passed away Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013 at his home in Adair County. He was 59.

Born April 26, 1953 in Casey County, he was the son of the late John and Dorothy Lee Pendleton.

He was a building contractor and gate salesman. Bill was a member of Barretts Creek United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Mary Sallee Pendleton of Columbia; two sons, Shawn (and Sovanna) Pendleton and Toby (and Kristyna) Pendleton, both of Columbia; three daughters, Myra (and Jamey) Neat of Columbia, Angel (and Ray) Maslen of Dunnville and Amy (and Shane) Irvin of Liberty; 12 grandchildren, Cody, Kyle, Gracey and Lily Neat, Kaylie and Kylie Pendleton, Bradley, Grayson and Gage Maslen, and Brayden, Payton and Addison Irvin; a step-grandchild, Chloe Firkins; three brothers, Morris Pendleton of Liberty, and Monte Pendleton and Mike Pendleton, both of Dunnville.

Pallbearers will be Shawn and Toby Pendleton, Jamey Neat, Shane Irvin, Ray Maslen, Cody Neat, Bradley Maslen and Kylie Neat.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to funeral home to help offset funeral expenses.

Arrangements entrusted to McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with guestbook available at www.mckinneybrown.com.

Besse J. Vanover, 54

Besse Jean Luttrell Vanover of Liberty died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2013 at her residence. She was 54.

Born Dec. 13, 1958 in Russell County, she was a daughter of the late William and Ruby Luttrell.

She was the widow of Kirmon Michael Vanover.

John C. Williams, 73

John C. Williams died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2013 at Hancock Regional Hospital in Greenfield, Ind. He was



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nville; and two sisters, Bonnie Meeks of Columbia and Janett Meeks of Dunnville.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Wesley Pendleton and Russell Pendleton; and a sister, Loren Goodin.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today (Wednesday, Feb. 6) at Barretts Creek United Methodist Church with Bro. Barry Bradshaw officiating. Burial will be at Barretts Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Shawn and Toby Pendleton, Jamey Neat, Shane Irvin, Ray Maslen, Cody Neat, Bradley Maslen and Kylie Neat.

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Rose Mildred Roy, 74

Rose Mildred Thomas Roy passed away Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013 at her son's home in Dunnville. She was 74.

Born on Sept. 24, 1938 at Fonthill in Russell County, she was the daughter of the late Welby and Rose Withers Thomas.

On Jan. 24, 1959, she married Major Roy where they lived in Franklin, Ind. In 1962, they returned to the Thomas Ridge community of Casey County where they farmed and reared their children. She was a housewife and enjoyed gardening, sewing, quilting and working with her hands. She was a good cook and her kitchen was always open to anyone.

She helped with the animals, crop farming and later worked as a cashier in the retail industry. She was a very devoted member of the Thomas Ridge Christian Church.

She is survived by six children, two daughters, Ramona (and Bruce) Luttrell, of Liberty and Teresa (and Jerry) Morgan of Russell Springs; four sons, Trent (and Lindy) Roy, Bruce (and Becky) Roy, Jeffery (and Angela) Roy, all of Dunnville and Stevie (and Patricia) Roy of Russell Springs; 15 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a brother, Carl Mac Thomas of Shepherdsville; two great-aunts, Zella Owens



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and Margie Roy, both of Russell Springs; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents,

she is preceded in death by her husband, Major Roy; a sister, Hestina Wilson; and three brothers, Paul Edwin Thomas, Kenneth Eugene Thomas, and Welby Thomas Jr.

Funeral services were Feb. 5 at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with Bro. Hershel Lawhorn and Bro. John Westerfield officiating. Burial was at the Thomas Ridge Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Robbie Morgan, Brian Roy, Chris Roy, John Roy, Jeremy Morgan, Nicholas Roy, Brandon Patton and Justin Rodgers.

Honorary pallbearers were Alicia Roy, Jessica Miller, Mary Beth Hammond, Brandon Absher, Bentley Roy, Emily Miller and Landon Roy.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to Gideon Bibles or Thomas Ridge Christian Church.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with guestbook available at www.mckinneybrown.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR**HAPPENINGS**

■ Lifeline Home Health will have a free blood pressure clinic on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at Shopko from 9 to 11 a.m. and Friday, Feb. 8 at Casey County Bank from 9 to 11 a.m.

■ The Casey County Hospital Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, Feb. 19 in the hospital lobby at 1 p.m.

■ Community sign language classes will be held Jan. 28-March 25 at Kentucky School for the Deaf Kerr Hall. The class will meet every Monday for nine weeks from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required by Jan. 21. Call Ina Faye Price, 859-936-6768.

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■ The Casey County Al-Anon meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church fellowship hall Tuesday, Feb. 12. For more information, call 787-9670 or 787-5704.

■ TOPS KY 404 will meet at Westside Christian Church with weigh-in at 5 p.m. and meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14. For more information contact Donna Mills, 787-6431.

■ Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery support ministry, will meet at Liberty United Methodist Church fellowship every Sunday at 6 p.m. For more information call 606-787-8356 or email celebrate@liberty@hotmail.com.

CHURCH

■ Liberty First Christian Church will have a concert and desserts on Thursday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. featuring Marcie Brooks Johnson.

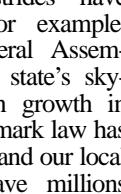
■ Atwood Chapel United Methodist Church will have a singing Saturday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. featuring Lost Then Found.

■ Aglow International will meet Thursday, Feb. 14 at Freedom Christian Retreat 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The program is Beth Moore's "Breaking Free" study. Bring your lunch; beverages provided. Call 606-787-7108 or 787-8565 for more information.

■ Casey County Baptist Association free clothing closet is open Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. weather permitting.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS**Updates on Kentucky's judicial branch**

**Terry
MILLS**
State
Representative



about other progress the criminal justice system is seeing.

Significant strides have been made, for example, since the General Assembly tackled the state's skyrocketing prison growth in 2011. That landmark law has helped the state and our local governments save millions of dollars while maintaining public safety.

A highlight of that law is a program designed to help select non-violent felons transition back into society under close supervision; its savings are approaching \$10 million. Local governments, meanwhile, have saved almost \$25 million because of changes to our pre-trial release program. What makes this even better is that defendants are showing up to court at a higher rate than in 2010, and the program's public safety rate has increased as well.

The overall savings from the 2011 law is projected to top \$400 million over the decade. It is taking time to get all of its provisions up to speed, but we remain confident that we can hit this goal.

Already, the reforms have enabled the state to reduce use of private prisons, and counties have gotten direct assistance from the state to help

defray their local jail costs.

Some of the savings are being plowed back into programs that treat substance abuse, which is the root cause of many of our crimes. According to the state's Department of Corrections, nearly 900 beds have been added to our jails, prisons and other recovery programs since 2011, and we can now treat more than 3,800 inmates at a time.

Other savings have allowed the state to hire more workers to increase oversight of probation and parole. Overall, there are more than 42,000 people under some form of supervision, plus 22,100 others who are state inmates in our jails and prisons.

Our work in the years ahead will be to build on all of these gains in the legal system and to see what more we can to help the Judicial Branch get back on its feet financially. Its budget is almost half of what it was in 2008, Chief Justice Minton said, and the comput-

er system it uses to manage cases is all but obsolete.

The hope is that, as the economy improves, we can begin to comprehensively tackle some of these issues. Given the importance of the courts in our communities, we need to do all we can to help them carry out justice effectively and fairly.

For now, the General Assembly returns to the Capitol this week to begin the main portion of the 2013 legislative session. I will of course update you on what occurs, but in return I ask that you continue to let me know your thoughts on any issue before the state. No matter what time of year, you can write to me at Room 329A, Capitol Annex, 702 Capitol Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601.

You can also leave a message for me or for any legislator at 800-372-7181. For those with a hearing impairment, the number is 800-896-0305

Special Thanks

The family of Bobby Patton would like to express our gratitude to all those who so kindly made a difficult time easier.

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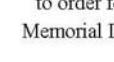
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**Deeds Recorded
Book 284**

Christopher Samuel Fair, 692 Lower Brush Creek Road, Liberty, to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, use and benefit of the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways,

200 Mero St., Frankfort, one parcel containing three tracts: 2.24 acres of right-of-way along Ky. 70 1.3 miles west of new Ky. 70 and U.S. 127 intersection; 13.42 acres of right-of-way along Ky. 70; and .101 acres of temporary ease-

ment for entrance construction along Ky. 70 .8 miles west of the Ky. 70/U.S. 127 intersection, \$67,500.

Jannis Phelps, 2611 Poplar Hill Road, Liberty, to John and Donna L. Rigney, 3777 N. U.S. 127, Liberty, 5.543 acres on Hwy. 1649,

\$40,000.

David and Rochelle White, Taterville, to James David Boyd, 7503 Poinsettia Ave., Cape Canaveral, Fla., 1.87 acres in Hustonville, \$23,000.

Jeffrey L. and Tammy Spears, 891 S. Mike Merritt Road, Bethelridge, to Caria Chene and David Chase Day, 1140 Green Pond Road, Liberty, .597 acres on Green Pond Road, \$25,000.

Marlon Richardson, 391 Barricks Road, Louisville; Aubrey and Patricia Richardson, 28808 Hwy. 159, Circleville, Ohio; Shirley and Ralph Antle, 140 Oaks Road, Jamestown; and Charlotte and George W. Terwilliger, 951 Turner Ridge Road, Dunnville, to Jennifer Patterson, 721 E. Turner Road, Windsor, 17.59 acres near Ky. 910, \$85,000.

Jamey and Mary Burton, 230 Sexton Road, Harrodsburg, to Amanda L. and Thomas Canada, 454 Hustonville St., Liberty, .291 acres near the intersection of Fair and Hustonville Streets in Liberty, \$35,000.

Michael W. and Polly Ann Whited, 2409 Elder Park Road, LaGrange, to Blaine E. and Catherine R.

Staat, 246 Hustonville St., Liberty, .155 acres on the east side of Beldon Avenue in Liberty, \$58,500.

Ammon W. Weaver Jr. and Eva G. Waver, 3646 Chestnut Level Road, Liberty, to Levi and Amanda Slabaugh, 53 Chestnut Level Road, Liberty, 88.83 acres near Chestnut Level and Pee Dee Creek Roads, \$266,649.

Casey and Christy Davis, 170 Davis Drive, Liberty, to Garland and Nancy Davis, 499 Grant Road, Liberty, 1.674 acres on the north side of Joe Henson Road (Tommy Rodgers West Road), love and affection, fair cash value, \$2,300.

Thomas P. and Annette Maria Jones, 792 Botland Road, Springfield, to Ethan T. and Michelle R. Jones, 350 Haskel Lane, Gravel Switch, 15.658 acres, \$75,000.

Shannon and Cheri White, 970 Martin Road, Liberty, to Thomas G. Stringer, 318 W. Columbia Ave., Monticello, 1.01 acres on the south side of Ky. 70 between Ky. 1547 and the Canoe Creek Bridge, \$5,000.

Preston Henson Jr. and Amy S. Henson, 393 Joe Henson Road, Dunnville,

and Hazel Henson, 198 Circle Drive, Stanford, to Preston Henson Jr. and Amy S. Henson, 68.51 acres on the west side of Defevers Road about one-third mile north of Ky. 1640, gift, fair cash value, \$85,000.

Howard and Clayetta M. Gibson, 3120 Hwy. 70 East, Eubank, to Joby and Rita Gossett, 176 Cains Store Cemetery Road, Nancy, and Kevin and Toni Roberts, 966 S. Hwy. 837, Nancy, Tract 1 of a tract named Kevin Roberts and Joby Gossett Project containing 22.98 acres on the south side of Turkey Creek Road, \$29,000.

Mark and Sherrie Beard, 5959 N. U.S. 127, Liberty, to Faye Rigney, 3777 N. U.S. 127, Liberty and John H. Rigney, 3777 N. U.S. 127, Liberty, tract on Hustonville Street in Liberty, \$115,000.

Marriage Licenses

Sawyer Clay Hicks, 22, of Hustonville, retail clerk, and Stephanie Daphene Means, 27, of Liberty, caregiver.

Daniel Wayne Cole, 28, of Liberty, Goose Creek Candle, and Ashley Nicole Means, 22, of Liberty, CNA.

NEWS FROM AROUND Kentucky

Garrard business films TV pilot show

BOYLE COUNTY (Danville) — Rocky Top Log Furniture and Railing, along with owners Tommy and Gwen Mitchell and many of the company's employees, will soon have their television break, being seen nationwide in a new TV show "LogHeads." Media Meld Studios is in production of the pilot episode of "LogHeads," a docu-series expected to air on DIY Network by summer. It will focus solely on the Lancaster-based company. The idea for the show, much like the company itself, was a locally grown one, according to Angela Lee, president of Media Meld Studios. It is the brainchild of the Mitchells' son, Jason, and, with the help of his college friend, Kentucky-based director Jason Epperson, they were able to get the reality-style show pitched to Media Meld Studios and, ultimately, DIY Network. Epperson is remaining on as one of the show's executive producers. The show will revolve around Rocky Top Log Furniture and Railing as it works to build a log cabin from the ground up at Rough River Lake in Breckinridge County. The family receiving the house lost its home in a fire, according to the Mitchells, and Tommy said he couldn't say no.

Students face disciplinary action

GREEN COUNTY (Greensburg) — Two Green County High School students face charges after they were spotted last week allegedly trying to swap a pellet gun and a large knife. Green County Superintendent of Schools Jim Frank said that as far as he is aware no students or staff were ever threatened or in immediate danger at any time. Greensburg Police Chief Wayne Hedgespeth said two 15-year-old male students at Green County High School were charged with illegal possession of a weapon on school property. As the deal was going down, a third student spotted the .177-caliber pellet gun and alerted school faculty, who called police. "It was a realistic looking gun and in today's climate, the student did the right thing by telling the administration," Hedgespeth said. "Had I seen it from a distance, I would have thought it was a real firearm. Although a student may not see an unloaded pellet or BB gun as a serious threat, we want to assure students, staff, and the public that any possession of a weapon will be dealt with severely, turned over to law enforcement, and disciplined to the greatest extent of school and Board policy," he said. "We will continue to work with local law enforcement to ensure students and staff that their safety is our number one priority." Hedgespeth said that neither boy was brandishing the weapons.

"They had the pellet gun out of a backpack looking at it when the third student saw it," Hedgespeth said. Both boys were taken into custody and charged with two counts of illegal possession of a weapon on school property. They were later released into their parents' custody. The two students have been suspended pending final disciplinary action, Frank said.

Senator pushes for pay raises for state workers

FRANKLIN COUNTY (Frankfort) — Citing a 9.2 percent dip in state employee wages since 2004, Sen. Julian Carroll said he hopes the General Assembly will consider pay increases for state workers in the abbreviated 30-day session. In a letter sent to state workers, Carroll said legislators approved a 1 percent pay increase in 2009, the most recent raise given. Employees have received pay raises totaling 13.2 percent since 2004 while the Consumer Price Index — a measure of the cost of living — rose 22.4 percent in the same span, he said. Those figures don't account for increases in health insurance premiums or furloughs, which create a larger gap, he said. The 9.2 percent drop in compensation left him "extremely surprised," Carroll, D-Frankfort, said. "This whole issue, as far as I'm concerned, is a productivity issue relating to performance of state government employees whose morale certainly is not very high at the moment," Carroll told The State Journal. As lawmakers tackle multi-billion-dollar unfunded liabilities in the state pension systems and seek money for full contributions to those funds, Carroll said legislators should also find a way to boost pay for current employees. Carroll suggested raising the cigarette tax, currently at 60 cents per pack, to help pay for raises.

Ringing cell phone outs alleged burglars

FRANKLIN COUNTY (Frankfort) — A man given his "last chance" by a judge earlier this month faces new felony indictments. Jessie Mullins, 30, for second-degree

burglary, first-degree robbery, first-degree wanton endangerment and being a persistent felony offender. Mullins, along with 29-year-old Kendrick Fugate, allegedly stole a TV, Sony Play Station and cell phone from the residence of Nicholas McCart and Amy Sweet, whom they both knew, on Dec. 2. Later that day, Mullins and Fugate were back at the house with McCart and Sweet as they discussed the robbery, Commonwealth's Attorney Larry Cleveland said. The victims realized a cell phone was missing, and when they called it, they heard it ringing — Mullins and Fugate had it with them, Cleveland said. "Next thing you know it's like a bad episode of the Dukes of Hazzard," Cleveland said. The victims fought to get the phone, and Mullins allegedly pulled out a gun. Fugate is also charged with second-degree burglary, first-degree robbery and first-degree wanton endangerment. Mullins pleaded guilty to 10 charges — seven of them felonies — in November in Franklin Circuit Court. The charges stem from a high-speed chase with Frankfort Police in August 2011. He was also caught driving on a suspended license in 2012. During Mullins' sentencing Jan. 11, Franklin Circuit Judge Thomas Wingate told him it was his "last chance" and granted him three years of probation.

12-year-old charged after bathroom threat

WARREN COUNTY (Bowling Green) — A 12-year-old was charged with criminal mischief and third-degree terroristic threatening after writing a message on the wall of a girls' bathroom at a Warren County elementary school, according to Officer Ronnie Ward, spokesman at the Bowling Green Police Department. School officials contacted police Jan. 18 about the incident. The message on the wall implied a threat of bodily harm to others. Terroristic threatening is a serious crime, not to be taken lightly, Ward said. The juvenile is expected to appear in court, but a court date was not provided. Juvenile arrest records are not public documents unless a juvenile is tried as an adult.

Son driven to restaurant rage, mom says

WASHINGTON COUNTY (Springfield) — The mother of a 20-year-old Springfield man accused of stealing a car and going "ballistic" at a McDonald's, says her son was fueled on drugs and acting out of character during an incident she hopes can be resolved outside of the court system. Steven Trent was arrested early Jan. 22 and lodged at the Marion County Detention Center in Lebanon. He's charged with auto theft and criminal mischief after police say he stole a vehicle, then terrorized a local fast food restaurant, nearly shattering a window and damaging equipment while crews tried to serve breakfast. Jail officials said Trent was temporarily released Jan. 28 under a judge's order. His mother, Janet Trent, told The Springfield Sun he is receiving treatment at a Radcliff health care facility. "He's got a real bad nerve disorder," said Janet. "Usually, he's the type of person who would stop and change the tire on your car, if you needed." Springfield Police were initially dispatched about 4:50 a.m. Jan. 22, after they received calls from Trent's mother who claimed he had stolen a friend's 2000 Pontiac Grand Am and was possibly headed to Lexington. About an hour later, the man was arrested at the Springfield McDonald's.

Man attacked wife with a meat cleaver

WHITLEY COUNTY (Corbin) — There is no dispute that James B. Privett III hit, kicked and punched his wife, Erica Privett, on Feb. 20, 2012, before severely cutting her face with a meat cleaver. He then allegedly took her or escorted her to a neighbor's residence where he allegedly kicked open the front door and then apparently tried to clean the blood off her face. What a Whitley County Circuit Court Jury will decide is whether he should be convicted of criminal attempt to commit murder, first-degree assault and first-degree burglary. His defense attorney, public defender Ron Findell, told jurors Jan. 30 during the opening day of Privett's trial that he should be acquitted of the attempted murder and first-degree assault charges because he was acting under extreme emotional disturbance. "In his blind rage, he didn't realize what he was doing," Findell said during opening statements. He conceded that his client still deserved punishment for what happened. Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Robert Stephens told jurors during his opening statement that evidence would show that Privett attacked his wife because he thought that she had given the last beer in the refrigerator to her sister's husband. "The reason James Privett hit his wife is because he wanted a beer," Stephens told jurors. "It was his intent to kill Erica Privett. There is no justifiable reason for that."

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drawn vehicle has been reported.

A total of 10 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

Citizens can contribute to highway safety by reporting erratic drivers to the Kentucky State Police toll-free at 1-800-222-5555. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number if possible.

Four die in four crashes on Kentucky roadways Jan. 28 – Feb. 3

Four people died in four separate crashes in Kentucky from Monday, Jan. 28 through Sunday, Feb. 3.

Two single-fatal motor vehicle crashes occurred in Floyd County. One of the victims was not wearing a seat belt.

One single-fatal motor vehicle crash occurred in Carlisle and Rowan counties. Neither victim was wearing a seat belt. The crash in Carlisle County involved the suspected use

of alcohol.

Through Feb. 3, preliminary statistics indicate that 45 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2013. This is 17 fewer than reported for this time period in 2012.

Of the 37 motor vehicle fatalities, 21 victims were not wearing seat belts. One of the two motorcycle fatalities was not wearing a helmet. Five pedestrians have been killed. One fatality involving an animal

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Brush Creek

Bro. Casey Davis' Wednesday night message was "The Forms of God," from Philippians 2:3-7, Exodus 3:1-6, and Mark 16.

Bro. Bearl King's Saturday night message was from John 14.

Sunday night, Bro. Scott Cochran's message, "God Is Everything to Me," was from Philippians 2:1-3 and Ephesians 3:4.

Prayer list: Jeff and Debbie Wilson, Noah Laman, Betty Beal, Archie Coffman, Wanda King, Patricia Durham, Joyce Cochran, Gary and Diane Taylor, and Steve Lynn.

Ellisburg

Attendance was 30. Bro. Jerry's message, "Prayer, the Key to a Growing Church," was from Acts 1:12-15. Special music was by Amanda Griffin and Christina Ellis.

Prayer list: Jonny Walls, Valerie Whitlock, Bill Carr, Glen Helm, Harlan Lane, Essie Bastin, Barbara Burton, Sherwin King, Arvin Crews, Curtis Adams, Sophie Adams, and families of Dorothy Spears and Buster Griffin.

First Baptist

Attendance was 57 for Sunday school with 82 for worship. Marcella had the children's message about each snow flake being different just as all people are different. Bro. Jimmy's sermon, "Off With the Old, On With the New" was from

Ephesians 4:17-32. Next Sunday, a youth-sponsored spaghetti lunch will be served with donations going to the World Vision 30-Hour Famine project.

Regular prayer meeting and youth activities will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. The deacons and Sisters In Service will meet next Sunday at 5 p.m.

Prayer concerns: Bentley Collett, Braydon Taylor, Noah Laman, Bennett Williams, and the family of Bobby Patton.

First Christian

Prayer was requested for Mary Emerson and the family of Ray Ostlie (Ann Ellis' son-in-law) at First Christian Church.

Marcy Johnson presented the children's sermon about choosing to rejoice.

Beverly Cundiff read the Psalm. Special music was by Sawyer Beeler and the choir.

There will be a Concert and Dessert event on Thursday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. featuring Marcy Johnson presenting selections from "Porgy and Bess."

Ash Wednesday worship service is Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. following a soup and sandwich meal.

Regular Tuesday events include worship at 6:30 p.m. and Alcoholics Anonymous/Alanon at 8 p.m.

Wednesday's meetings include Children's Choir at 5:15 p.m., CYF at 5:45 p.m., JYF at 6 p.m. Choir will not practice.

The Community Food Pantry is requesting donations of fruit juices.

Hwy. 49

Bro. Robert Atwood's Sunday evening message was "Thank God For the Blood." Bro. Phillip Smallwood preached from Genesis 2:18-20 and 7-9.

Wednesday evening, Bro. Shirley Denson's message was from Ezekiel 37:1-10. Bro. Phillip preached from Matthew 24:27-30.

Prayer requests: Jesse Shoopman, Elza and Carol King, Emily Maupin, George and Evelyn Reed, Tyler Skaggs, Dennie and Barbara Eades and family, Brittany, Taylor and Jamie Smallwood, Bro. Clevie Rodgers, Paula Evans, Timothy Skaggs, Anthony Drury, Lottie Marie Radar, Gary and Nettie Lynn, and Judy Allen's sister, Diann.

Mt. Olive

Attendance was 43 for Sunday school. The lesson, "Focused Solely On Christ," was from Colossians 1. Worship service had 74. The message, "Kids On A Journey To See Our Father," was from Matthew 18:11-20.

Birthdays were Adam Janes, Andrew Janes and Chaz McGowan.

Evening attendance was 31. The message, "Joseph Learned To Succeed At Anything," was from Genesis 39:1-10.

Bible study is Wednesday at 7 p.m. from I Samuel 3.

Prayer requests: Campbell Tyner, Essie Bastin, Chris Murphy, and the families of Ernie Combs, Gordan Privett and Mildred Roy.

Poplar Grove

Attendance was 44. Bro. Brent's message, "Judgment Will Indeed Come," was from II Peter 3:1-10. Bonnie King had the children's message.

Our monthly meal will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday followed by Bible study.

Tanner Porter, Brandon Gilpin and Elsie Clark celebrated birthdays.

Prayer concerns: Laura Buck, families of Glenda Sue Downey and Rev. David Allen, Shirley Brandenburg, Noah Laman, Donna Roe, Paul Hale, Geneva Price, Anita Fletcher, Donna Lee, Wilma Privett, Bill Chadwell, Gloria Kruinusk, Taylor Allen, Haskel Gillock, Keith McClain, Roni Gilpin, Killus Emerson, C.B. Rayborn, Walker Coffman, June Phelps, Pat Luttrell, Kim Haste, Archie Coffman, Philip Gabehart, Louise Allen, Mildred Cochran, Sheila Rigney, Christine Wiser, Bill Phelps and Marlene Melton.

Rich Hill

Wednesday night Bible study covered Acts 17:1-16. We will minister at the nursing home Saturday.

Bro. Steve Wesley's Sunday night message, "The Samaritan Woman" was from John 4:6-18, 23-24, John 7:37 and 3:3. Bro. Lynville Hatter and Boone McQueary performed a special.

Prayer requests: Francis Bishop, Tara Buis, Wanda Wilham, Bobby Patton family, James Cochran, Bes-

sie Luttrell family, Boone McQueary, Bass Wesley, Crystal Pence, Iva Jo Powell, Opal Porter, Floyd and Izella Warren, Tyler Buis, Sue Buis and family, Farrol Elmore, Carl and Debbie McAninch, Misty Hill and Allen, Bro. Steve Wesley and family, Zach Vaught and Brooklyn, Sandy Austin, Stephanie Buis, Caitlyn Murphy, Alex Colvin, Dennis Pond, Lilburn Wilham, Gay Turner, Bonnie Carman and family, and Frankie Goff and family.

Sacred Heart

Despite snow, many came to the 9 a.m. mass for the blessing of throats on the feast of St. Blaise.

The church is preparing for the Mardi Gras celebration next week beginning with the 5:30 mass, followed by a bread and soup supper and town hall meeting on Feb. 12, concluding with a celebration and distribution of ashes. All are welcome for that event or for an Ecumenical prayer at the courthouse at noon on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13, with distribution of ashes for all.

St. Bernard

Preparations for the Fish Fry Fridays of Lent are under way beginning Friday, Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. with progressive stations of the cross, followed with the fried or baked fish. Donations and times are the same as last year, with the option of various size children's portions.

On Jan. 13 Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, ordinary of this archdiocese, administered the sacrament of the confirmation to 10 of our members, Hailey Brown, Jenny Brunner, John Clements, Elsa Diaz-Morales, Fredrico Diaz-Morales, Tristan Hatter, Lucas Moore, Dalton Summers, Patrick Summers and Matthew Wethington, as well as to Bethanie Streeval from Sacred Heart and Shan-non Abang of St. Thomas Moore parish.

Valley Oak

Attendance at was 26 for Sunday school and 30 for worship service.

The youth group will host a Valentine's Day banquet on Sunday, Feb. 10 during the evening service. Prayer requests: Aaron Cravens, Linda Wyatt, Deva Mullins, Josephine Powell, Farrell Elmore, Jay and Marilyn Wesley, Ronald Lawless and family, Arthur and Wilma Wesley, Edna Maddox, Glen and Marie Carman, Brian and Faye Cravens, Gene Clark and family, Donna Howard and family, Sandy Coffman and girls, Joyce Ware, Donald Lawless, Donna Howard and family, Rhonda Ping and family, Noah Laman, Julie Holt, Steven Henson, and Bill Hall.

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe

Proverbs 18:10

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Allen, Billy, 150 acres on Scotts Chapel

Allen, Quentin, 3 farms., Brush Cr., Chelf & Huffnier Ridges, & Hilltop Dr.

Alonso, Andrew, 103 acres on Woods Creek Rd.

Atwood, Brent, 25 acres on Ky. 49

Atwood, Louise, 126 acres on John Price Rd.

Bailey, Mary Lou, property at 310 Russell Hudson Loop

Baros, William, 45 acres on Casey Creek Rd.

Beal, Betty & Glinda, farms on Peyton Ridge Road, Reynolds Creek & Snake Ridge

Bell, Charles James, U.S. 127 South, Antioch Ridge Rd., Contown

Bove, Diane, farm on Hwy. 1615

Boyd, David, property at 8531 Ky. 78 West, Hustonville

Brown, Charles, 118 acres in Kidd's Store area

Brown, Loretta, 24 acres on Tennessee Ridge Rd. & 12 acres in Bethelridge on Ky. 70 and Mike Merritt Rd.

Brown, Michael & Barbara, 85 acres m/l farm at 100 Rayborn Hill Rd.

Brown, Vicky, property at 3450 Tennessee Ridge Rd.

Brumby, J.F., 56 acres on Dry Creek Rd.

Bruner, Wendell, farm on Dry Fork Rd.

Burkhard, D. Esther, 83 acres on KY 70 W, Locust Branch; 100 acres on Ewing Ridge

Burton, Betty, property at 1876 KY 206

Burton, Gerald D., 4 farms on Hwy. 80 and a farm on Hwy. 910 at Windsor

Byrd, Micah & Hazel, fm. on Byrd Rd.

Carman, Kevin & Jenna, approximately 22 acres on Calvary Ridge Rd.

Carr, James A. & Marcella, farms on Caney Fork Creek, Martins Creek & Casey Creek

Carr, William & Debra, 4 acres on Upper Brush Creek

Catlett, Vaughan & Gillian, 70 acres at 1667 Woods Creek Rd.

Cedar Creek Farm, U.S. 127 North

Clark, James & Sharon, property on Ky. 70 and Ky. 501

Coffey-Morgan, Hites Creek Rd., Middleburg

Coleman, Elmer & Patsy, farm on High Ridge Tower Rd.

Coleman, George, all leased land between Yosemite and Liberty and on Doe Creek, owned by Robert and Jane Scott

Colgan, Robert & Sheryl, property on Upper Brush Creek & Briar Ridge Rd.

Coontz, Bob, 255 acres on Peyton Branch Rd.

Cooper, Raymond, 209 Estelle Lane & 370 Bee Lee Rd.

Covington, Jan, 10 acres on McDonald Rd., Windsor

Cravens, Betty J., farm on Ky. 1649 and 837

Crutcher, Kenneth, 62 acres on Crutcher Ln.

Daugherty, Gary, farm on Green Pond Rd., Jonathan Fork

Davis, Herbert II & Leanne, 170 acre farm on Red Hill, Dunnville

Denson, Billy, 21.9 acres on Canoe Creek

Dixon, Virginia E. Trust & Dixon family members, property on Blue Bank Rd., Upper Brush Creek Rd. & Davidson Rd.

Douglas heirs, lot on East Yosemite Rd. (known as black house)

Durham, Carol, property and pond on East Yosemite Rd.

Elmore, Jim, 89 acres on Upper Green Pond Ridge

Emerson, David W., all land on Brush Creek

Evans, Ronnie, 15.5 acres on Ky. 1640

Fair, Mattie Cooksey, 774 East KY 70

Faulkner, F.B., 50 acres on Riffe Creek Rd. to river

Fayne, Chris, farm at 3197 Dry Ridge Rd.

Ferrell, David G., 30 acres on Dewey Miller and Poff Emerson Roads

Fields, Corbin, property on S. Ky. 501, approximately one mile up 501, both sides of Trace Creek

Floyd, John C., 50 acres on Hatter Creek

Floyd, Kevin S., property on Grove Ridge

Foster, Albert L., property at 219 Poplar Hill Rd.

Franks, Mary Lou, 97 acres on Henson Creek Rd.

Garrett, James A., 102 acre farm on McFarland Ridge, Peavey Rd.; 100 acre farm on Green River, U.S. 127 north of Dunnville; Garrett Gate Co.

Gentry, Norene, 400 acres on Hwy. 198 near Middleburg

Georgick, Richard, 774 Bee Lee Rd. & 58 Woodland Way

Gilpin, Esker & Sue, 30 acres on Ky. 910

Greene, Lavonda, 49+ acres on Woods Creek

Greene, Steven, 1/2 acre at 4305 W. Ky. 70

Grider, Matthew, 18 acres on Arnold Hale Rd. & Smith Rd.

Haggard, J.R., A.C. Haggard Farms, 500 acres owned and leased, around Phil

Harris, Dayton, all property at 1480 Henson Ridge Rd.

Hatchel, Lonnie & Michael, 180 acres on Hwy. 243 (Little South Fork)

Hatfield, Mark, land between Hwy. 70 & 206, private road around water tower on West KY 70

Hatter, David Joe & Wilma, farm on KY 837 at Walltown

Hatter, Roger, 112 acres on Poplar Hill Rd. & 13 acres junction of Ky. 837 and Watson Chapel Rd.

Hatter, Sherman & Louise, 47 acres on Ky. 70 East (Hatter Creek)

Hayes, Odell & Ruby, 300 acres on Button Knob

Hayes, Wayne T., 100 acres on Bull Run

Heckman, Howard & Doree, tract on Ky. 70 West; tracts on Hatfield Road, Dry Ridge and Bryant Ridge

Henson, Gary & Nita, house and farm on Henson Creek Rd.

Hicks, Glen & Linda, 20.7 acres on KY 1547

Hixson, George & Louise, 130 acres and lot in Middleburg

Hollingshead, 100 acres on KY 837

10 YEARS AGO
Feb. 5, 2003

A public hearing was held to hear from parents and the public about the possibility of Middleburg and Garrett elementary schools merging.

Around 80 local teachers and school employees planned to join peers at a rally at the Kentucky Education Association in an attempt to persuade lawmakers to strengthen their commitment to education.

The nine-month Leadership of Casey County program was in its second year.

Girl Scouts were planning to give a county-wide baby shower to collect baby gifts.

In all, 112 cubes of marijuana were confiscated, ranging in weight from almost 3 pounds to 43 pounds, during a bust with the Taylor County Sheriff's office and the Campbellsburg Police Department. The 2,792-pounds of marijuana was confiscated from the back of a rental truck and had a street value of \$4.1 million.

Obituaries: Marvin Atwood, 67; George Buck, 73; Carlos Hatter, 71; Dallas G. Jeffries, 69; Oris Luttrell, 89; Jean A. Spencer, 45; Darrell L. Williams, 46; Charles A. Yocom, 61.

20 YEARS AGO
Feb. 3, 1993

Nina Overstreet was named circuit clerk for Casey County.

Twenty-one students were sent home from school because their required immunizations were not up to date.

Gov. Brereton Jones issued an executive order banning smoking in state government buildings except in designated areas.

Casey County schools received their first accountability scores after the new

KERA assessment tests were given to students. All Casey schools' baseline scores were below the expected threshold scores.

Seventy-five candidates were running for offices, including Donald A. Thomas and Thomas M. Weddle Jr. for county attorney.

The state transportation cabinet announced plans to spend \$375,000 on road improvements in Casey County in 1993.

Five Casey County men were arrested for bootlegging alcoholic beverages.

George and Dorothy Wolford embarked on a trip to the "Four Corners" region where Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico meet at a common point.

Charlsie Buis, Betty Lee and Beulah Wesley were nominated for the Casey County GOP Volunteer of the Year. The winner was to be announced at a statewide Lincoln Day dinner in Louisville.

Earl Walls was named Employee of the Month at Northpoint Training Center.

Otha Cochran celebrated his 90th birthday on Jan. 11 at his home on Wilson Ridge.

The Casey County Public Library bought a coin-operated microfilm reader-printer for public use.

A county-wide spelling bee was held at Liberty Elementary featuring the winner from each of the county's six elementary schools and the middle school. Brooke Bastin was the winner and advanced to the state level. Participants included Dana Myers, Amy May, Amy Roark, Adam Pfeiffer, Steven Garrett, and Matthew Pike.

Thirteen Casey County residents made the fall semester dean's list at Eastern Kentucky University; one at Lindsey Wilson College; and four at the University

of Kentucky.

Pork shoulder roast was 99 cents per pound at Save-A-Lot.

A 32-oz. jar of Smucker's grape jam was \$1.39 at Sweeney's A&D.

Obituaries: Omer L. Clements, 80; Ruthie Mae Spears, 72; Virginia Louise Allen, 66; Lillie G. Ward, 88; William Ray Chadwell, 79; James F. McElroy, 77.

30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 2, 1983

Buddy Dick won the Kentucky Walking Horse Association Trainer of the Year award. Dick trained winning horses for brothers Lee and Marion Dayton McAninch, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hoskins, and Bernie Lee Wesley.

The Liberty City Council voted to purchase a new garbage truck at a special meeting after Mayor Malcolm Wolford declared an emergency situation in the city's sanitation department.

State Representative Raymond Overstreet said that under no circumstances would he be a candidate for governor in 1983.

Three Casey Countians were arrested and charged with public intoxication following a one-car accident on Ky. 198 near Middleburg.

Newly elected members of the Gate Way Park Board were Patsy Johnson, Ruby Leigh, Bob Montgomery, Tommy Neal Allen, Raymond Kelly, Millard Allen, and Garland Sharp.

Asa Evans, a great-great-grandfather, celebrated his 92nd birthday on Feb. 7.

AT&T promoted Charles Maynard, son of Gladys and Melvin Phillips, to national account manager for the CBS Television Network in New York City.

A 32-oz. jar of Kraft mayonnaise was 99 cents at Food World.

USDA choice minute steaks were \$1.99 per pound at Jim Dandy Market.

Obituaries: Bessie Floyd, 81; Chester Randolph, 70; Marcus McMullin, 73; Della Floyd, 91.

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 8, 1973

Tomato growers were told at a meeting that income was better from an acre of tomatoes, with the right management, than an acre of tobacco.

The fiscal court received 16 iron bridges donated by the Civil Defense Department. The county paid only \$2,000 for their delivery.

Ronnie and Kenneth Denson ran over an 8-foot snake of unidentified species. It was to remain on display at Jerry Sandusky's store until it began to smell.

A meeting was planned to organize a Jaycee chapter in Liberty.

Stella Wethington of Creston became the president of the State 4-H Club Council, the first woman to hold such a position and the first person from this area.

Most aged widows and dependent widowers were to get increased social security payments. A 21.2 percent increase was expected.

A 5-pound bag of Florida oranges was 39 cents at A&D Super Market.

Three boxes of Zesta crackers were \$1 at Frederick & Godbey Grocery in Yosemite.

"The Ten Commandments" with Charlton Heston was showing at the Kentucky Theatre in Danville.

Obituaries: Ned Wesley, 76; Howard Montgomery, 75; Alfred Pendleton, 81; Ruth Grider, 73; Herbert Clements, 69; Alton Lewis, 68.

FOCUS ON THE PAST



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Pettyjohn

This photo of Oscar Lee Pettyjohn Jr. was taken in 1944. Pettyjohn, 87, lives in Midway.

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 7, 1963

Jesse Bryant was named dog warden by the fiscal court. The warden's salary was decreased from \$50 to \$25 per month.

Native Casey Countian Dr. Stanley Wall, head of UK's Tobacco Research Center, was involved in a multi-million dollar piece of legislation in the U.S. Congress for a research center to be housed in the new agricultural center being built on UK's campus.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud L. Lane of Gravel Switch celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Counties and districts in the state were being redistricted. Casey and Russell counties were expected to

remain in the same district because the total population of 30,000 met the requirement for one representative's district.

The Middleburg High School basketball team was defeated by the Liberty High School team, 63-35. Liberty won by one point earlier in the year.

Fresh fryers were sold for 25 cents per pound at A&D Super Market.

Liberty Cash Department Store had men's dress shirts on sale for \$1.49.

"The Pigeon That Took Rome" with Charlton Heston and Elsa Martinelli was showing at the Kentuckian.

Obituaries: Roscoe Smith, 75; Ronald David Brown, 11; Lena Hendrickson, 80.

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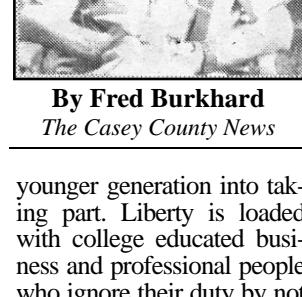
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Fred's Finest

Difficult to understand county's lack of community spirit



By Fred Burkhardt
The Casey County News

Originally published in the Feb. 2, 1983 and Jan. 1, 1986 issues of The Casey County News

When we came back to the county in 1946 we were pleased to find a strong Lion's Club. We had just come from a Kiwanis Club with 90 members at Chanute, Kan., with 98 percent attendance. (You could make up meetings by visiting another club.)

The Liberty Lion's Club was responsible, with its 30 members, for a lot of what we long ago have taken for granted. The club brought down officials from General Telephone and demanded to know when our service was to be improved. Sen. E.C. Moore put the double-whammy on these officials until they squirmed in their seats.

The Lions did the same thing with Kentucky Utilities and in time the service became at least partially satisfactory. It took several sessions before saw mills were able to get enough electricity to even run an edger saw.

The Lions had much to do with getting started what is now U.S. 127 by inviting such persons as Commissioner Henry Ward down for a hearing, as well as others before him.

The Casey County Memorial Hospital was largely instigated by the Lions, and Dr. Kearney Adams came to Liberty at a time when he was badly needed.

In time the Lion's Club died.

The Liberty Kiwanis Club was then born and for a time had a healthy membership of around 30. Of late years this club has dwindled to a small attendance in spite of Charlie Peters' second year as president.

Peters, as postmaster, and a relative newcomer to the county, has worked hard to maintain membership and get some projects going. Even with a limited membership the club does good work.

As the only service club in the county it is a shame if it cannot interest more of the

younger generation into taking part. Liberty is loaded with college educated business and professional people who ignore their duty by not joining the Kiwanis Club and attempting to further the city and county into activities as both the Lions and Kiwanis have done in the past.

Just what it would take to get men back into the Kiwanis Club and interested in the community affairs is hard to unravel. They must surely know they are living on the efforts of their fathers.

1985 was one of the best

We are often too close to the timber to see the trees, but it is quite possible that in years to come we will be able to look back and realize the year 1985 was one of the best of all times to that point in our lives.

Those of us who have lived sufficiently long to be able to make comparisons and judge situations, can attest to the fact that each year of our lives have shown improvements, expect for the two major war periods and perhaps some during the depression years.

As Oral Watson has pointed out, this has been one of the longest growing years in this century. From the first day of April until the middle of November there was nothing to hinder field and garden growth.

There was moisture of sufficient amounts and yet most of the early hay crop was harvested without getting wet.

Corn and soybeans took

off in the spring and never

stopped growing, and tobacco shared equal growth periods resulting in one of the finest crops in years, if not the best ever.

Our gardens, upon which we depend for a great deal of our food the year round, were excellent. We had a siege of Japanese beetles in some areas and are due for more in future years, but as a whole, chemicals did not have to be used extensively in gardens or fields.

The education program progressed during the year and we could be proud of the students who had mighty few misfits in the classroom. With the stimulation from governor down to parents we believe teachers tried harder and that the results could be seen in state tests as well as those of us who are at home and just observe situations.

Law enforcement was generally good, with violations handled well in our courts. The return of stolen property and its recovery was good. Our courts were good, although some looked back on previous times. Our people cooperated with the law.

We had a good year in our health programs, due in some part to such things as Medicare and from insurance companies to cover the costs of hospitals and doctors. We had no epidemics, and the common cold seems to have delayed its activities during the year.

We literally live in a land of milk and honey, which is what many of our forbearers were told existed in America. It was true, but some had to wait a while before they could have a milk cow and a hive or two of honeybees.

We are a lucky people in this part of the world and this part of America, and last year was particularly kind to us.

Editor's Note: As space allows, The Casey County News will reprint some of the stories, editorials and columns written by the late Fred Burkhardt, former editor/publisher of The Casey County News. Stories may be slightly edited.

Rebels have a week of ups and downs, 2 wins, 2 losses

By Rita "Peat" Harris
Sports Correspondent

After some schedule changes due to snow and ice over the past week and a half, the Casey County Rebel basketball team has picked up wins and losses to bring their season record to 11-13, 0-6.

Casey earned a win over Oneida Baptist and was handed a loss by Russell County. Two meetings with Lynn Camp within a week brought both victory and defeat to the Rebels.

vs. Oneida Baptist Institute

The Mountaineers of Oneida Baptist Institute (1-11, 1-3) were an early "w" on the Rebel schedule when Casey won 57-42 on Dec. 8. Casey showed their upper hand again on Jan. 26 when they prevailed 63-37.

The 26-point triumph was led by Taylor Leigh, who earned a double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds. Baylen Hill had 12 points and seven rebounds.

vs. Lynn Camp

Rebel fans attending last Friday's game against the Lynn Camp Wildcats (14-12, 0-4) may have questioned if it was the same opponent who defeated Casey County 54-50 only four days prior. Casey sailed past Lynn Camp on Friday in a 68-39 victory.

"We were ready to play," said Coach Darry Burkett on the difference in the Monday and Friday games. "I went into our

locker room and I knew we weren't ready to play last Monday night. We didn't have that intensity in our face and eyes."

Lynn Camp had the lead from the start in the initial meeting, going up 12-9 in the first quarter. The Wildcats then held Casey to only six points in the second quarter, while scoring 16 of their own.

"Lynn Camp's a pretty good basketball team," Burkett said. "They are well coached and they are very disciplined and if you let them get on top of you they'll grind you into the ground."

The Rebels woke up in the fourth quarter of Monday's game and outscored Lynn Camp 21-9 to make a comeback, but it was too little, too late.

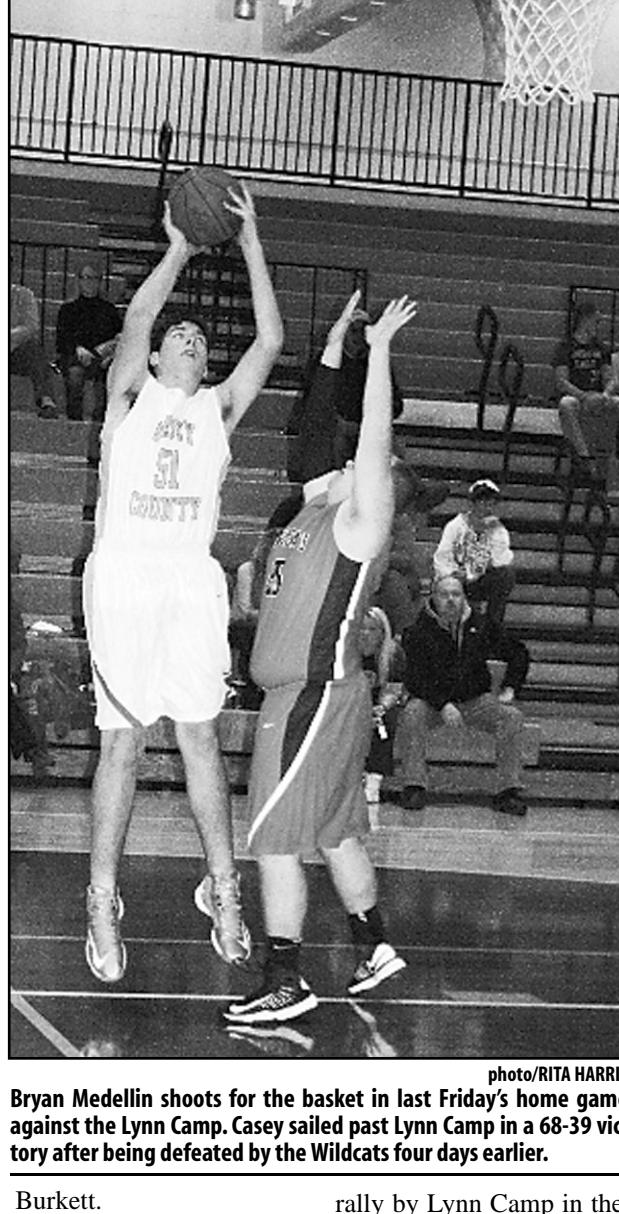
Micah Smith led the team with 14 points and seven rebounds, followed by Leigh who has 13 points.

Friday night, only four days later, the Wildcats headed to Casey's home court and the Rebels were in control from the first basket until the end of the game.

"They took it to us Monday night and our kids were embarrassed and I think they responded tonight," Burkett said after the Friday night win.

Casey led 15-9 at the end of the first quarter and continued to stretch that lead through the first half, to go into halftime up, 31-20.

"One of the things we talked about was taking the ball to the basket and being aggressive and we did much better at that," said



Bryan Medellin shoots for the basket in last Friday's home game against the Lynn Camp. Casey sailed past Lynn Camp in a 68-39 victory after being defeated by the Wildcats four days earlier.

Burkett.

Casey's dominance shined in the third quarter. The Rebels kept the Wildcats scoreless for the first four and a half minutes, while putting up 12 of their own points to stretch their lead to 43-20.

There was no comeback

rally by Lynn Camp in the final quarter. Casey triumphed 68-39.

"It's one of those games where we shot it well and they didn't and that makes the difference in the ball game," said Burkett.

Smith again led the team's scoring with 19

STATISTICS

vs. Lynn Camp				
Casey County	9	6	14	21
Lynn Camp	12	16	17	9
CASEY COUNTY (11-13) — Micah Smith 14, 7 rebounds; Taylor Leigh 13; Baylen Hill 7, 4 assists; Jericho Propes 5; Zach Scott 5; Matt Bianconi 4; Jordan Brown 2.				
LYNN CAMP (14-12, 0-4) — Matt Trosper 14; Zach Smith 13; Justin Hammonds 12; Austin Maier 7; Skyler McFarland 6.				

vs. Oneida Baptist

vs. Oneida Baptist				
Casey County	16	16	-	31
Oneida Baptist	9	10	-	18
CASEY COUNTY — Leigh 15 12 rebounds; Hill 12, 7 rebounds; Scott 8; Smith 8; Skyler Wright 8, 8 steals, 4 assists; Bianconi 4; Cody Clark 3; Propes 3; Brown 2.				
ONEIDA BAPTIST INSTITUTE (1-11, 1-3) — Diki Kaiwu 15; John Osom 5; Kaleb Harrell 4; Bryson Garner 3; John Waithaka 3; Isaac Waslewski 3; Samuel Elendu 2; Sam Nfa 2.				

vs. Russell County

vs. Russell County				
Casey County	-	-	-	43
Russell County	-	-	-	80
Stats unavailable at time of press.				

vs. Lynn Camp

vs. Lynn Camp				
Casey County	1516	15	22	68
Lynn Camp	9	11	6	39
CASEY COUNTY — Smith 19, 7 rebounds, 5 assists; Hill 13; Leigh 11; Scott 7, 5 steals; Bianconi 5; Brown 4; Wright 4, 5 steals; Eric Livengood 3; Micco Randell 2.				
LYNN CAMP — McFarland 12; Trosper 8; Smith 7; Justin Taylor 6; Maier 4; Erik Jones 1; Josh Morris 1.				

points. He also contributed seven rebounds and five assists. Hill followed in scoring with 13 points.

vs. Russell County

The Russell County Lakers (18-4, 5-1) took a 37-point victory over the Rebels last Thursday.

The Lakers, one of Region 4's top teams, won 80-43 over Casey when the Rebels traveled to Russell Springs.

"Russell County has a team that has chance to

play at the state tournament and we just did not shoot it very well," Burkett said. "Just like Lynn Camp did to us Monday night, once they got on top of us, they wouldn't let us back up."

The Rebels traveled to take on the Danville Admirals last night (Tuesday).

They will hit the road again on Friday, playing at Green County, before returning home on Saturday to host Cumberland County. Tip off is at 7:30 p.m.

Lady Rebels fall to Adair County Indians, 56-45

By Rita "Peat" Harris
Sports Correspondent

The Casey County Lady Rebels (10-11, 5-1) played only one game last week after their trip to South Laurel on Saturday was canceled. The team fell to the Adair County Lady Indians (19-7, 4-2), 56-45 on Monday evening.

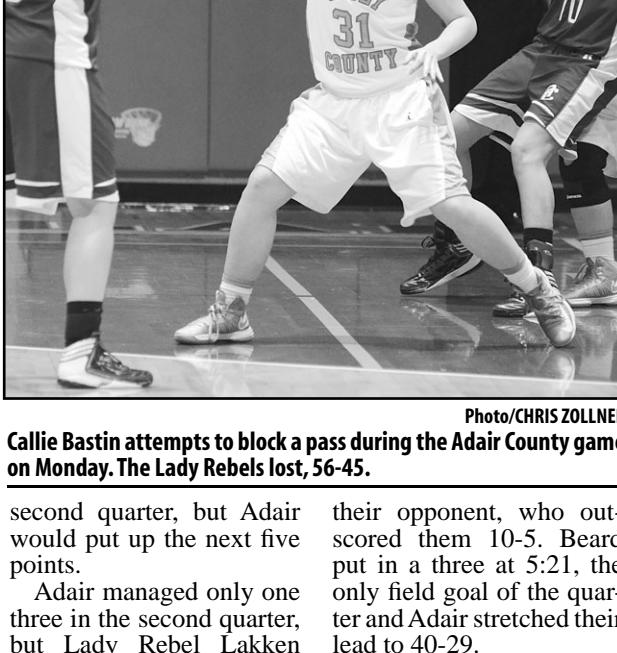
"That's the first time all year that we've played against a pretty good 1-3-1 zone," said Coach Randy Salyers. "They're a pretty good team with the height they have, the long arms they have, it made it difficult to attack the basket."

Senior Jasmine Johnson came down with an injury in the final seconds of the third quarter that kept her out of the remainder of the game. She was taken to the hospital, but the status of her injury was unknown at press time.

Three-pointers dominated the first quarter of play with both teams dropping treys. Adair put up four while Casey's Sarah Beard hit two and Christin Terry hit one.

At 2:46, after seven three-pointers and a few additional points, the Lady Indians led 16-11. Terry added another basket and a free throw from Tiara Cochran ended the quarter with Casey trailing 20-14.

Two more free throws from Cochran started the



Callie Bastin attempts to block a pass during the Adair County game on Monday. The Lady Rebels lost, 56-45.

second quarter, but Adair would put up the next five points.

Adair managed only one three in the second quarter, but Lady Rebel Lakken Miller hit her hot streak with three treys. However, Miller's shots were Casey's only field goals and they were unable to close the score gap before the close of the half. Adair maintained a six-point lead, 32-26.

Scoring slowed for both teams in the third quarter, but Casey's more so than

their opponent, who outscored them 10-5. Beard put in a three at 5:21, the only field goal of the quarter and Adair stretched their lead to 40-29.

With 19.8 seconds in the third, Johnson drove the ball inside to draw a foul. The foul was called, but

Terry added five points to close the game, but it was only enough to bring Casey back within 11, the same way the quarter began.

Terry led the Lady Rebel scoring with 15, followed by Miller who had 12.

The team totaled for eight three pointers and nine free throws.

Casey traveled to Boyle County last night (Tuesday) and will play at Mercer County on Friday.

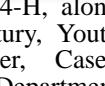
STATISTICS

vs. Adair County

Casey County	14	12	5	14	45
Adair County	20	12	10	14	56
CASEY COUNTY (10-11, 5-1) — Christin Terry 15; Lakken Miller 12; Sarah Beard 9; Tiara Cochran 7; Katie Douglas 2; Jasmine Johnson 1.					

Casey Co. celebrates February as 4-H Health Month

Meagan Klee
4-H Youth Development Agent



Here are some ways you can promote healthy choices at home, even when it's cold outside:

— Allow your children to help you prepare a healthy meal. They may be more inclined to try foods that they have helped prepare, and it provides a perfect opportunity for family bonding.

— Get in some family-style physical activity by turning on the radio and dancing.

— Promote positive mental health by having a family game night or other positive ways to deal with stress.

— Talk about how your family can get involved in

making your community a healthier place to live.

— Put together your family disaster plan.

— Check your smoke alarms.

— Take a first aid or CPR class as a family.

Many of the habits we develop while we're young stay with us into adulthood, so it's important for young people to learn healthy habits early.

For more information on 4-H Health Month or health activities offered by Casey County 4-H, contact the Casey County Cooperative Extension Office at 787-7384.

REBEL OF THE WEEK

Saluting Lashay Byrd

CCHS Junior

Junior Lashay Byrd is a captain of the CCHS Cheer Squad. This is her fifth year on the high school cheer team.



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Casey County student wins state art award

By Amanda Cole
Staff Writer

By winning a statewide art contest, one local eighth-grader has inspired her fellow art students at Casey County Middle School.

Abigail "Abby" Hood, 13, won first place in the middle school category of the statewide 2013 Martin Luther King Jr. Visual Art Contest.

"Abby's win has brought about a new self-confidence in my students," said Tara Farmer, art teacher at CCMS.

Abby was happy to represent Casey County with the win.

"I guess a girl from Casey County winning it is different," she said, adding that she doesn't think her classmates expected a local student to win.

Gov. Steve Beshear presented Abby her plaque during the annual MLK Jr. celebration in Frankfort last month.

Hood used poster board, crayons and paint to create the winning poster that depicts two hands coming together above a rainbow, peace sign and the Earth, along with a quote she came up with herself, "Rise above judgment, and come together as one."

"I believe Abby's design won because it was original," Farmer said, adding that her use of the crayon resist technique and the original quote made it stand out from other works.

Abby has enjoyed painting since she was a child and always enjoyed being creative with her artwork.

"When she was a little child we never really gave her coloring books; she was one of those outside-the-lines kids," said Abby's mother, Angel Stephens, who teaches special education at Casey County High School.

In order to get her students to put their heart into the project, Farmer said she had



ABOVE, Casey County eighth-grader Abigail "Abby" Hood won first place in the middle school category of the statewide Martin Luther King Jr. Visual Art Contest. She was presented a plaque by Gov. Steve Beshear during the annual MLK Jr. celebration in Frankfort last month. RIGHT, Hood used poster board, crayons and paint to create the winning poster that depicts two hands coming together above a rainbow, peace sign and earth, along with a quote she came up with herself, "Rise above judgment, and come together as one."

them watch videos about Dr. King and read "Martin's Big Words," a picture-book biography.

"I wanted the students to have an emotional connection to their art before they created," she said.

And it worked.

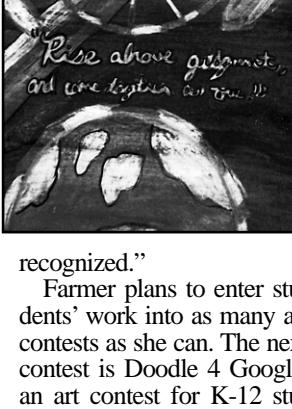
"I was in art class sketching what I wanted on the poster while reading about his teachings and accomplishments when I came up with the quote," Abby said. "He wanted people to rise above segregation and come together as one, to stop all judgement and come together as one group of people."

Abby said she enjoyed learning about King and seeing how his dream came true.

"I just hope his word is never forgotten for each generation," she said.

Abby's win put her and Casey County on the map, something both her mother and teacher are proud of.

"I'm glad that her teacher took the time to enter her and other kids in this," Stephens said. "It gives our county an opportunity for recognition and our students are just as creative and intelligent as any other kids in our state. It's an honor for our school to be



recognized."

Farmer plans to enter students' work into as many art contests as she can. The next contest is Doodle 4 Google, an art contest for K-12 students using the Google.com logo.

"The students are talented and I want them to get exposure for the good things they are doing," Farmer said. "Doodle 4 Google here we come."

As of Jan. 22, Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks can add a special logo — a small, blue heart with the words "Organ Donor" — to the front of renewed licenses or identification cards.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) has worked with the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks Trust for Life to make the logo available.

When renewing a license or issuing an ID card, Circuit Court Clerk personnel will ask whether the license or ID holder wants to be a registered organ donor.

Those answering "yes" will be given the option of having the blue heart logo printed on the license or card.

Answering "yes" also adds the individual's name to the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry, a confidential database of registered organ donors in the state.

The registry was established in 2006 by act of the Kentucky Legislature. Kentucky residents can join the organ donor registry at the Circuit Court Clerk's office or online at www.donatelifeky.org.

Until now, Kentuckians using a license or ID card to express their wishes for organ donation could do so only by signing — with two witnesses — a statement on the back.

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KDE recognizes JROTC as a career pathway

By Amanda Cole
Staff Writer

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) recently recognized the JROTC program as a viable career pathway.

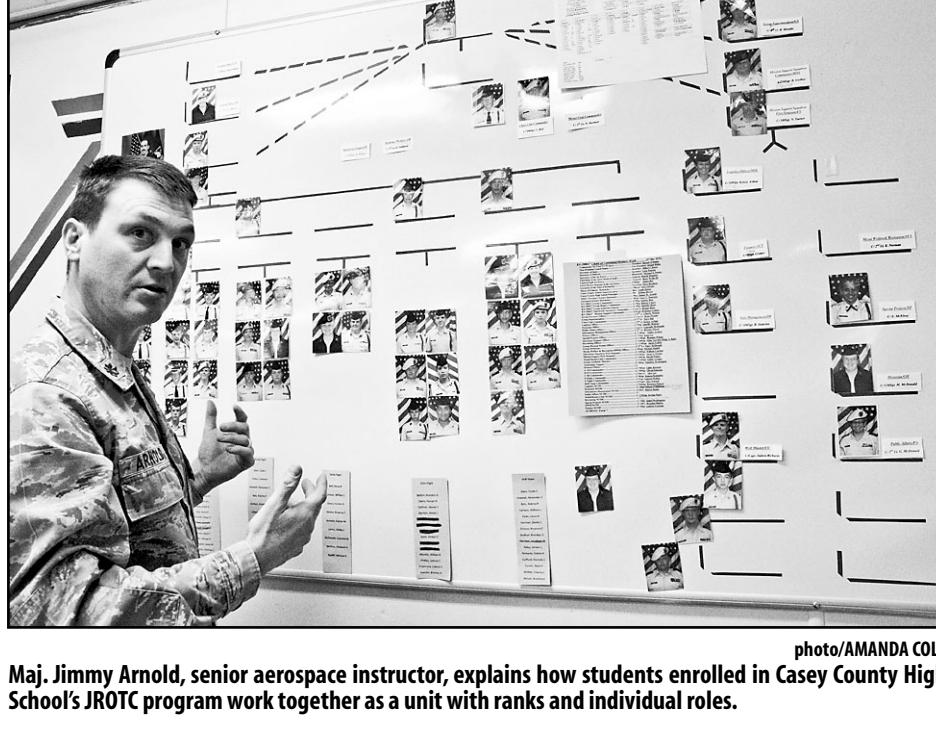
Starting this school year, the Certificate of Completion awarded through the program will carry more weight, said Master Sgt. Gary Emerson, aerospace science instructor with Casey County High School Air Force JROTC.

"We've been awarding Certificates of Completion," Emerson said. "What this change designates is simply that with the certificate, students received advanced career training — they put teeth into our program."

Emerson compared the recognition to a certificate from a technical school for automotive mechanics or welding.

At CCHS, they awarded nine Certificates of Completion last year and will award 11 to 15 more this year.

The change means that JROTC can be included in the KDE's new college and career readiness accountability model. The military career pathway is recognized within the "Govern-



Maj. Jimmy Arnold, senior aerospace instructor, explains how students enrolled in Casey County High School's JROTC program work together as a unit with ranks and individual roles.

ment and Public Safety Career" cluster.

Even before the distinction, the certificate would earn a cadet two stripes upon enlisting into the military with a higher rank and pay grade. It also reduces one year of the four-year requirement at the college-level ROTC program.

"Our real benefit with the program isn't money or going into the military,"

Emerson said. "It's about life lessons, building self-confidence and developing character, and all of that will translate into whatever career they choose to do."

When Maj. Jimmy Arnold joined the high school's JROTC as senior aerospace instructor, he was shocked to learn that JROTC wasn't already considered a career pathway.

"It blew me away. How could it not be?" Arnold said, adding that the current 73 students in JROTC work together as a self-functioning unit with he and Emerson serving as teachers and mentors.

"They have ranks and positions. They write performance evaluations and recommend promotions," Arnold said.

Everything they learn

translates into the civilian world — teamwork, ethics, morals, service and more.

"We're not here to get them into the military," Emerson said, adding that their job is to provide leadership training, instill confidence and give students more options, something that has been achieved with third-year Cadet Alex Atwood. Atwood, a senior at CCHS, serves as senior drill team commander and freshman flight commander — big leadership roles in the JROTC, Arnold said.

"Before I joined ROTC I was quiet, not shy, but I had stage fright," Atwood said. "Now I don't care if I have to stand up and give a speech in front of 500 people."

Atwood is also learning about management with his current rank.

"No matter what career I go into, if there's an opportunity to move up into management I'll need

to know how to manage and how to plan, and I've learned that," he said.

The program also affected how he views his other classes.

"It changed my mentality about school and my grades. Grades are important in ROTC," he said.

The change with the KDE won't affect the JROTC program but they will have to start recording the names of students who participate through the Technical Education Data-base System (TEDS).

"The school has already jumped on it," Arnold said.

Emerson thinks the change will shine a new light on the program for educators and parents, as well as students.

"The recognition will tell teachers and parents that the JROTC program has a lot to offer and I think they'll see it as a more valuable and attractive program," he said.

Spelling Bee

Five Casey County students participated in a spelling bee on Monday at Monticello Banking Company. The winner, Emily Atwood, at left, representing Casey County Middle School, will next compete at the Ford Motor Co. Derby Festival Spelling Bee on March 9 in Louisville. Other participants and winners include, Zachary Rowland, Jones Park Elementary; third place winner Waylon Brown, Liberty Elementary; Matthew Sizemore, home schooled, and second place winner David Crumb, from the Galilean Academy. photo/LARRY ROWELL



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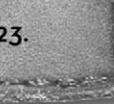


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Chamber members learn about colorectal cancer awareness

By Amanda Cole
Staff Writer

At the Liberty-Casey County Chamber of Commerce's first luncheon since last July, guest speaker Dr. Audrey Narducci spoke to members about the importance of colon cancer awareness.

In preparation for March as Colon Cancer Awareness Month, Narducci with Ephraim McDowell/Fort Logan Hospital talked about the seriousness of colon cancer on Jan. 30.

"Colorectal cancer is the second most common cancer in the United States," Narducci said. "It is the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the U.S. with 60,000 people dying yearly."

The cancer appears equally in males and females, as well as all ethnic groups, she said.

Chances for developing the cancer increase in those over 50. People with a personal or family history of colorectal cancer, as well as those with Crohn's disease or Ulcerative Colitis have a much higher risk of developing the cancer.

Smoking and drinking alcohol in excess can also increase a person's chances. A high fiber, low fat diet and regular exercise can help decrease the risk of colon cancer.

"However, the best way to be screened for colon cancer," Narducci said. "Screening can reduce colorectal cancer risk by about 90 percent."

A colonoscopy can catch colon cancer at an early, more curable stage, or even help prevent the cancer by detecting and removing polyps that would turn into cancer, she said.



Dr. Audrey Narducci spoke to members about the importance of colon cancer awareness at the Liberty-Casey County Chamber of Commerce's first luncheon of 2013.

AG/EXPO Center.

■ Cabin Fever Run will be March 23. The run is a fundraiser for both the chamber and the high school track team. The cost is \$15 before March 8; \$15 after and the day of the race, which will start at 9 a.m. at the city parking lot off Jockey Street.

■ The chamber will be printing a new city/county map later this summer.

■ The deadline for the fifth annual Creative Writing Contest is Feb. 15.

■ The chamber will have a Halloween ghost walk in collaboration with Casey County High School drama teachers and students. The event will serve as a fundraiser for the drama team.

■ The theme for this year's downtown Christmas Celebration is "A Storybook Christmas."

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Riverdale Apartments, 75

Riverdale Drive, Liberty,

KY. The authority's hours

of operation are 8 a.m. to 3

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a public hearing will be

held on March 22, 2013 at the

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Second reading of a proposed ordinance

amending the Casey County budget for fiscal year

2012-2013, to include unanticipated receipts from

the Transportation Cabinet in the amount of

\$691,789.18 and increasing expenditures in the

area of Contingency Reserve for Transfer will be

held Feb. 18, 2013 at 5:00 at the Casey County

Courthouse. A copy of the proposed ordinance

with full text is available for public inspection at the

office of the County Judge/Executive during

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CASEY CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-CI-00207**

**FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY
VS. NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
ALBERT THOMAS; VIRGINIA THOMAS; FIFTH THIRD
BANK (CENTRAL KENTUCKY); KERRY SIMPSON;
DEBORAH SIMPSON**

Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale entered on January 16, 2013, by the Casey Circuit Court this action, the undersigned will sell to the highest and best bidder at public auction the following described real property located in Casey County, Kentucky:

Property Address: 274 Three Angels Drive, Liberty, Kentucky 42539

Being Tract #2, containing 6.688 acres, more or less, of the "Kerry Simpson Division" plat prepared on June 6, 2004, by Richard A. Montgomery, KY LPLS #1953, which appears in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 564, in the Casey County Clerk's Office. Reference is made to the plat for a more accurate description of the real property.

SOURCE OF TITLE: Being the same property conveyed to Albert Thomas and Virginia Thomas, husband and wife, by Deed dated December 29, 2006, and recorded on May 23, 2007, in Deed Book 250, Page 24, of the Clerk's Records in Casey County, Kentucky.

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANTS

DATE OF SALE: Saturday, February 9, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Casey County Courthouse, Liberty, Kentucky.

The property will be sold to the highest and best bidder(s) on terms of full payment on date of sale, or upon a down payment of 10% of the total purchase price with the balance upon credit of thirty (30) days and the purchaser(s) shall be required to execute a bond WITH A GOOD AND SUFFICIENT SURETY THEREON for the purchase price, said bond to bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from date of sale until paid, and the bond shall have the same force and effect as a Judgment and shall remain and be a lien on the real property until fully paid. The purchaser(s) may pay the purchase price money bond with accrued interest at any time before maturity.

The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon except easements and restrictions of record in the Casey County Court Clerk's Office, Liberty, Kentucky, and any right of redemption which may exist in favor of the Defendants. All delinquent ad valorem taxes, if any, interest and penalties will be paid out of the proceeds of the sale. The purchaser(s) shall be responsible for the 2013 ad valorem taxes.

Possession will be given to the purchaser(s) with the delivery of the deed of conveyance thereto. The purchaser(s) will be responsible for all risks of loss to the premises upon acceptance of their bid at the sale.

The purpose of this sale is to satisfy judgment in the sum of \$110,890.16 plus interest at the rate of \$14.04 per diem from March 14, 2012, until paid; plus attorney fees and other approved expenses.

**DONALD A. THOMAS
MASTER COMMISSIONER
CASEY CIRCUIT COURT**

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CASEY CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-CI-00104**

**LENDMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
VS. NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

**RITCHIE WILSON; ROSALIE WILSON; RABON WARREN;
BEVERLY WARREN; ATLANTIC CREDIT AND FINANCE, INC.;
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LLC SECTION; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; COMMONWEALTH OF
KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF CASEY, BY AND ON BEHALF OF
SECRETARY OF REVENUE**

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale entered on September 5, 2012, by the Casey Circuit Court this action, the undersigned will sell to the highest and best bidder at public auction the following described real property located in Casey County, Kentucky:

Address: 116 Basil road Drive, Windsor, Kentucky.

A certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in Casey County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEING LOT 17 of the Basil Roy and Alice Roy property, plat which is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 38, Casey County Court Clerk's Office, Liberty, Kentucky, and to which plat reference is made for a more particular description.

SOURCE OF TITLE: Being the same property conveyed to Ritchie Wilson and Rosalie Wilson, husband and wife, by Deed dated July 31, 1998, being of record in Deed Book 187, Page 413, in the Office of the Clerk of Casey County, Kentucky.

DATE OF SALE: Saturday, February 9, 2013, at 11:45 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Casey County Courthouse, Liberty, Kentucky.

The property will be sold to the highest and best bidder(s) on terms of full payment on date of sale, or upon a down payment of 10% of the total purchase price with the balance upon credit of thirty (30) days and the purchaser(s) shall be required to execute a bond WITH A GOOD AND SUFFICIENT SURETY THEREON for the purchase price, said bond to bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from date of sale until paid, and the bond shall have the same force and effect as a Judgment and shall remain and be a lien on the real property until fully paid. The purchaser(s) may pay the purchase price money bond with accrued interest at any time before maturity.

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The purpose of this sale is to satisfy judgment in the sum of \$63,615.23 plus interest at the rate of 12.00% per annum from October 16, 2011, until paid; plus attorney fees and other approved expenses.

**DONALD A. THOMAS
MASTER COMMISSIONER
CASEY CIRCUIT COURT**

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CAPRICORN

December 22-January 19

Capricorn, lend a helping hand when you see an opportunity to do so. Donate your time to someone in need or help a friend or family member complete a project.

AQUARIUS

January 20-February 18

Aquarius, clarify your needs and wants. Until you can delineate between these factors you may be spending unnecessarily, which is not what your budget needs.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

Pisces, it may take a few days for you to handle things, but don't let that dissuade you from trying. Set your own timetable.

ARIES

March 21-April 19

Aries, be on your best behavior this week. Acquaintances both new and established will have their eyes on you, and it is essential that you make a good impression.

TAURUS

April 20-May 20

Taurus, although you may not be able to see into the future, you can plan for what may happen in the next few days. Now is the perfect time to check in with friends.

GEMINI

May 21-June 21

Gemini, get all of your work ducks in a row because you want to ensure you are up for the next promotion or pay increase. Now could be the time to make work your top priority.

LEO

July 23-August 22

Leo, don't get too excited when things seem out of whack this week. Keep calm and find out how you can set things on the right course. Lead by example, and others will follow.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

Cancer, you may find that you have an easy time of reading people this week, Cancer. Use this trait to your advantage to find out how certain people feel about your new ideas.

VIRGO

August 23-September 22

Virgo, try not to participate in any new activities this week. You are already over-extended. Clear your to-do lists before you take on any other responsibilities.

LIBRA

September 23-October 22

Libra, expect a few converts. Show others how good their lives can be if they just follow a little of your own advice and take cues from what you have done already.

SCORPIO

October 23-November 21

Scorpio, you may be more focused on your fantasies and dream life than what is going on in your real life for the next few days. Just don't wander around in a fog for too long.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22-December 21

Sagittarius, it may be hard to concentrate this week, especially with so many ideas floating around in your head. But do your best to stay focused.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CASEY CIRCUIT COURT

CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-CI-00154

**BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE
HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP**

PLAINTIFF

**VS. NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
TERESA RATLIFF AKA TERESA MCDERMOTT,
PATRICK MCDERMOTT JR.**

DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale entered on January 16, 2013, by the Casey Circuit Court this action, the undersigned will sell to the highest and best bidder at public auction the following described real property located in Casey County, Kentucky:

The following described real estate located in Casey County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Being a part of the following Real Property lying and being on the waters of the Elizabeth Branch of Indian Creek and in the Grove Ridge Section of Casey County, Commonwealth of Kentucky on the north side of Kentucky Highway #501 near Grove Church, Kings Mountain and being more accurately described as follows:

Beginning at a survey monument (5/8 diameter rebar with cap stamped RAMSES PLS #1953 being typical of all monuments set this survey unless otherwise noted) set on the west right of way of Kentucky Route No. 501, the southwest corner of tract 1 in the source of title bears North 89 degrees 20 minutes 51 seconds West 113.03 ft. distant; thence a new line serving tract 1 North 30 degrees 01 minutes and 02 seconds East leaving the highway along a fence line a distance of 140.77 ft. to a survey monument set at a fence corner post; thence South 72 degrees 34 minutes 07 seconds East 142.63 ft. to a survey monument set at a fence corner post; thence South 17 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds East severing Tract 2 in the source of title a distance of 90.76 ft. to a survey monument set on the northwest right of way of Kentucky route No. 501; thence along the right of way 30 ft. northwest of and parallel with the centerline North 88 degrees 09 minutes 04 seconds West 233.45 ft. to the point of beginning containing 0.455 Acres +/- as surveyed and platted in May 2005 by Richard Allen Montgomery, Kentucky LPLS #1953.

Septic tank/lateral field easement:

There is also conveyed with this instrument the right of ingress and egress on and over property retained by grantor for maintenance, repair or replacement of the existing septic tank and lateral field that serves the house on the above described 0.445 tract. This easement shall be of sufficient size to accommodate any equipment or materials needed for the above described work. The approximate location of the septic tank is shown on the above reference Plat.

SOURCE OF TITLE: Being the same property conveyed to Teresa McDermott and Patrick McDermott, Jr., husband and wife who acquired title, with rights of survivorship, by virtue of a deed from Teresa Ratliff (now McDermott) and Patrick McDermott, Jr., husband and wife, dated February 9, 2006, filed May 22, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 241, Page 668, County Clerk's Office, Casey County, Kentucky.

Property Address: 3103 Grove Ridge Road, Kings Mountain, KY 40442

Parcel Number: 125-31C

Subject to all restrictions, conditions and covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

DATE OF SALE: Saturday, February 9, 2013, at 11:30 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Casey County Courthouse, Liberty, Kentucky.

The property will be sold to the highest and best bidder(s) on terms of full payment on date of sale, or upon a down payment of 10% of the total purchase price with the balance upon credit of thirty (30) days and the purchaser(s) shall be required to execute a bond WITH A GOOD AND SUFFICIENT SURETY THEREON for the purchase price, said bond to bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from date of sale until paid, and the bond shall have the same force and effect as a Judgment and shall remain and be a lien on the real property until fully paid. The purchaser(s) may pay the purchase price money bond with accrued interest at any time before maturity.

The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon except easements and restrictions of record in the Casey County Court Clerk's Office, Liberty, Kentucky, and any right of redemption which may exist in favor of the Defendants. All delinquent ad valorem taxes, if any, interest and penalties will be paid out of the proceeds of the sale. The purchaser(s) shall be responsible for the 2013 ad valorem taxes.

Possession will be given to the purchaser(s) with the delivery of the deed of conveyance thereto. The purchaser(s) will be responsible for all risks of loss to the premises upon acceptance of their bid at the sale.

Bluegrass Shavings loan on hold

By Larry Rowell
Staff Writer

A local business that was awarded a \$1 million developmental loan last year hasn't accepted the proceeds from that loan.

Gov. Steve Beshear presented the check to Casey County Judge/Executive Ronald Wright for Bluegrass Shavings during a ceremony held at City Hall in April.

The funds were to be administered as a loan to Blue Grass Shavings through the Liberty/Casey County Economic Development Authority.

The original agreement called for the EDA to purchase several pieces of equipment and then lease the equipment to Bluegrass Shavings, a business that produces wood shavings primarily used as bedding in horse stalls and also on poultry and cattle farms.

The shavings business would have repaid the \$1 million Community Develop-

ment Block Grant much like two other block grants that have been administered in the county with Liberty Tank and Chieftain Steel.

Owner Clay Hoskins said that when the grant was applied for more than 18 months ago, the business was operating under a different model than it is today.

"By the time it was approved, our business model had changed from what was originally in place," Hoskins said, adding the business is now working in different markets.

But while waiting for the approval of the loan, Hoskins found additional resources to help operate the business.

"We found other avenues to help us where we don't have to take that on," he said, referring to the loan.

However, Hoskins didn't completely rule out taking a portion of the loan.

Currently, Bluegrass Shavings owes the Liberty/Casey County Economic Development Authority \$100,483

with quarterly payments of \$4,369. The \$150,000 start-up loan, made in the Fall of 2009, is current, said EDA Director Blaine Staat.

In addition, the company has a seven year option to buy the old Marvin Vaught property on East Ky. 70 for \$301,324 at 0 percent interest. The balloon payment is due Dec. 1, 2018.

Bluegrass Shavings was started in April 2009 by Jerry Hoskins, along with his sons, Clay and Todd, and his son-in-law, Darin Cundiff. Todd Hoskins and Cundiff are no longer a part of the business.

Since opening, the company endured two devastating losses — the first on July 9, 2009 when fire destroyed a building and a second, larger fire on Oct. 21, 2010.

In the 2010 fire, the building where the shavings were produced and bagged was a total loss. The fire also destroyed a trailer that was backed up to the building.

Emerson

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they need some help," so I just volunteered. That's how I always get in trouble," Emerson said with a smile.

She started out on the board with three others who met at Gateway Park.

"It was good then, just really small," Emerson said of the chamber. "Finances were really low and there weren't a lot of memberships like they have now. It's really grown over the years."

Thanks in part to her dedication.

"If I volunteer for anything I try to give my best," Emerson said.

Kiwanis/Girl Scouts

Emerson served with the Kiwanis Club for 25 years before they dissolved and five years with the temporary women's Kiwanians before the club became coed.

"We helped the community," Emerson said of the club. "We started Toys for Tots and would meet up in the old jail to clean up and fix recycled toys. It was really a joy to see the kids' eyes just sparkle when you gave them a toy. It didn't matter if the leg was off of a doll or the wheel off of a car. You could just feel the warmth inside and it really meant a lot."

That warmth and the front-row seat to see the changes being made is what makes her volunteer.

"I like to be out there to help the community however I can," she said. "I just enjoy it — like the smiles on the children. I've always enjoyed being there, seeing the community grow and helping people any way I can."

Always there

In order to make a difference, she has had to donate her time.

"She's very committed. She shows up to every meeting, luncheon, and other events," Staat said.

Katie York, who was one

of the few members on the chamber board of directors when Emerson started, has always admired her willingness to help.

"It shows that she cares about the county and the businesses and helping where we live," York said. "Her dedication has been inspiring to me. All the things she does and her dedication to them is something very unique, you don't see that a whole lot."

More volunteers like Emerson needed

The unique qualities Emerson possesses makes her a great volunteer, and more people like her are wanted and needed in Casey County.

"We don't have volunteers falling out of trees,"

Staat said. "There are other organizations who are really hurting for board members and for people to take leadership roles and we don't have them."

Emerson knows there are volunteers out there, they just need to know they're needed and step forward.

Emerson, who serves as Director of Health Information at the Casey County Hospital, plans to hang the plaque from the chamber on the wall in her office where more people will see it. Hopefully it will inspire others to volunteer their time.

"I would encourage anybody and everybody to try to volunteer for anything," she said. "It's a great way to make new friends and there's so much opportunity."



This Casey County group of University of Kentucky fans and one University of Louisville supporter took along a copy of *The Casey County News* on a helicopter tour of the Grand Canyon on Jan. 20 as part of their visit to Las Vegas. Pictured, from left, are Jeff and Donna Carman, Mark and Sherrie Beard, John and Tina Wethington, and Melissa and Brad Vaughn.

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"A driver may pick up one child and then the next one is 15 miles away," she said.

Other buses are normally on the roads by 6:15 a.m. and begin their routes, picking up the majority of students by 6:30 a.m., Hatter said.

But one thing Hatter was adamant about — not to ever play games with lives.

"Never will we make a decision to put a student or bus driver in danger. If we had imminent danger right now, we go home," Hatter said. "And we try to get every ounce of information to make an informed decision."

Also, Hatter said that School District Transportation Director Craig Griffin is driving county roads as early as 3 a.m., to personally verify road conditions.

Hatter said that she's often on the roads by 4 a.m. in a different direction, checking road conditions.

Even with that assurance,

one grandparent in the Argyle area of the county questioned as to why the buses weren't delayed.

Right mind?

Robin Beever Pemberton knew the storm was coming so the night before, she had her daughter and grandchildren come to her house, where there's a storm shelter. When the tornado warnings were issued, the family took action.

"We were on our way to the shelter and saw buses running on the road. Who in their right mind would put their children on a bus in this?" she said, adding that three of her grandchildren ride the bus. "They should have delayed."

Pemberton's grandchildren were taken to school a short time later that morning but only after she was assured that the danger had passed.

Hatter said that parents or guardians certainly have the right to make the decision not to put their children on a

school bus if there's any question about their safety.

Delays cause problems

Hatter said that she had one parent call her after the storms with questions about why classes weren't delayed.

"I have parents ask me all the time not to do hour delays in the mornings," she said.

The superintendent said that delaying school forces parents to make other arrangements to be certain that their kids get on the bus after they've gone to work.

"A one hour delay is difficult because how do they find someone to take care of this hour," Hatter said.

Still, the bottom line for Hatter is to make decisions that err on the side of safety when it comes to putting buses and students on the road. And that decision can also involve the parents.

"No parent has to put a child on a bus. If they're afraid to put them on the bus, don't put them on the bus," she said.

Katie York, who was one

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Fire damages Barron Pallet

An early morning fire caused extensive damage to Barron Pallet on Chelf Ridge Road off U.S. 127 North. The Brush Creek Volunteer Fire Department arrived on the scene shortly after receiving the call around 4:30 a.m. Fire Chief Gale Scott estimates the fire had been burning for about 30 minutes and said the roof had already collapsed on the building. They haven't been able to determine a cause but the fire is still under investigation, Scott said. The Poplar Springs and Clementsville fire departments assisted on the call.

Two charge with DUI

-- Gary DeWayne Rodgers, 38, of 231 North Hatfield Road, Liberty, was arrested on Jan. 26 by Officer Kerry Patten on Ky. 206 and charged with first offense DUI and controlled substance prescription not in an original container.

-- Bobby James Trosper, 30, of 206 Jurvis Ave., Somerset, was arrested on Jan. 24 by Officer George Emerson and charged with first offense DUI.